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SUBJECT: CURRENT JAPANESE VIEWS ON SOVIET PROPOSALS FOR ASIAN  
COLLECTIVE SECURITY

REF: MOSCOW 3517 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: WHEREAS JAPANESE PRIMIN AND FONMIN HAVE COMMENTED  
SOMEWHAT FAVORABLY ON SOVIET PROPOSALS, FONOFF CONSIDERS  
PROPOSALS PREMATURE AND SUBJECT TO IMPORTANT PREREQUISITES.  
END SUMMARY

1. IN LIGHT OF RECENT SOVIET REPORTS ON JAPANESE ATTITUDES  
TOWARD ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY PROPOSALS ( REFTTEL), EMBOFF  
REVISED SITUATION AS CURRENTLY SEEN BY FONOFF WITH FIRST  
EAST EUROPEAN DIV HEAD ARAI AND ANALYSIS DIV HEAD DONOWAKI.

2. ARAI, WHO WAS PRESENT WHEN PRAVDA CORRESPONDENTS INTERVIEWED  
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FONMIN OHIRA ON MARCH 26, PROVIDED VERSION OF OHIRA' S REMARKS  
WHICH NOT SURPRISINGLY GAVE SOMEWHAT LESS PROMINENCE TO

ROLE OF USSR THAN WHAT PRAVDA CORRESPONDENTS APPARENTLY REPORTED. ACCORDING TO ARAI, OHIRA WAS ASKED WHAT HE THOUGHT OF BREZHNEV PROPOSAL FOR ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY. EXPRESSING HIMSELF IN VAGUE AND PHILOSOPHICAL MODE WHICH IS HIS USUAL STYLE, OHIRA IN ESSENCE SAID JAPAN IS CERTAINLY INTERESTED IN SECURITY OF ASIA BUT SITUATION IS SO COMPLICATED THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO VISUALIZE WHAT ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE POSSIBLE. HE NOTED THAT SEVERAL COUNTRIES -- USSR BEING ONE -- ARE MAKING SUCH PROPOSALS AND GOJ IS STUDYING THEM ALL. HE ADDED THAT JAPAN WISHES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES ON THIS SUBJECT BUT, ACCORDING TO ARAI, HE DID NOT SINGLE OUT USSR.

3. ARAI REFERRED TO MORE RECENT INTERVIEW, THIS TIME BY VISITING VICE EDITOR OF SOVIET LITERARY GAZETTE WHO CALLED ON FONOFF PARLIAMENTARY VICEMIN MIZUNO APRIL 10 ( ARAI ALSO PRESENT). IN RESPONSE TO SAME QUESTION WHICH HAD BEEN POSED TO OHIRA, MIZUNO SAID GOJ IS INTERESTED IN SOME COLLECTIVE SECURITY ARRANGEMENT BUT WITH TWO ESSENTIAL CONDITIONS: SOVIET- JAPANESE PEACE TREATY MUST BE CONCLUDED FIRST, AND ALL EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES PLUS US MUST PARTICIPATE IN ANY SECURITY ARRANGEMENT. ARAI COMMENTED RATHER WRYLY THAT CORRESPONDENT CHOSE NOT TO PURSUE SUBJECT.

4. EXPATIATING SOMEWHAT, DONOWAKI ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PRIMIN TANAKA ALSO HAD SUGGESTED ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS BUT HAS RECENTLY CONCLUDED THAT ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSAL WOULD BE PREMATURE. FOR THIS REASON, TANAKA DECIDED NOT TO VISIT SEASIA THIS SUMMER OR EVEN DURING 1973, AS HAD EARLIER BEEN CONTEMPLATED. MEANWHILE, FONOFF IS CONTINUING TO STUDY VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES, INCLUDING CALLING ASIAN CONFERENCE ALONG BANDUNG LINES OR EXPANDING EXISTING REGIONAL ORGANIZATION AND ENDOWING IT WITH SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES ( SEE ALSO TOKYO 2217 AND PREVIOUS).  
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